PRO-CHOICE CAMPAIGN

13-years old, raped and pregnant

LET HER GO

Don't let the courts stop her having an abortion

A 13 year old has been raped and is pregnant — yet the Irish courts are discussing if she has a right to travel to Britain for an abortion.

This debate is outrageous. If the girl had come from wealthy family, she could have gone to Britain quietly and there would have been no media attention.

It is because she is poor and dependent on the state because of her circumstances, that she is being denied here rights.

No judge, politician or Bishop has a right to tell this girl or anyone else that she must be a mother because of ***their*** morality.

It is time to end the hypocrisy that is going on here,. Each year 5,000 Irish women travel to Britain to have an abortion. They have made that decision themselves despite the countless words of condemnation.

The real issue is why are Irish women being forced to travel? Why should we be forced to raise £300-£400 to pay for travel and accommodation just to suit other people's hypocrisy.

Twenty years ago women had to travel to Belfast and Britain to get the pill. Hypocritical politicians knew then that women wanted to control their bodies — but they did not want the pill sold in Irish shops and chemists.

It is the same today. Everyone must know someone who has had or has at least thought of having an abortion. But again the politicians want to export these problems to Britain.

Fanatical groups like Youth Defence have tried to set the agenda on this issue. Yet they don't represent most people. Thousands came on to the streets at the time of the X case in 1992 to defend the rights of a rape victim. Yet the Dail politicians have still not legislated abortion rights in Ireland.

The Pro-Choice Campaign has called a street protest outside the GPO on Saturday 29th November at 3pm to defend this girl's right to travel to Britain for an abortion. Get along and show your outrage at what is happening.

Protest GPO Saturday 29th November 3pm

Petitions, leaflets, posters and details contact the Pro-Choice Campaign on (01) 878 8170